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Court of Appeal to Hold Outreach Session in Riverside March 27

Riverside—More than 800 high school students are expected to attend a special court-community outreach program cosponsored by the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, on Thursday, March 27, starting at 9:05 a.m. The Outreach Plus program will be held at the Arlington High School Auditorium, 2951 Jackson Street, Riverside. The public is welcome to attend.

After oral argument, the justices and appellate court staff will team up with Riverside County Bar Association members to talk to students about the California appellate and superior courts, legal careers, and the importance of staying in school.

Outreach Plus is a collaborative effort of the Court of Appeal; San Bernardino County Bar Association now joined by the Riverside County Bar Association; San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Herbert R. Fischer; Riverside Unified School District Superintendent, Susan Rainey; and Arlington High School Principal David Hansen, and Assistant Principals Charles Chapman, Brian Frost, Fran Farrell, and Betsy Schmechel.

Joining the justices will be Michael B. McPartland and Patrick M. Ford, counsel for the appellants; and Collette Cavlier and Christopher P. Beesley of the Office of the Attorney General, representing the people.

Cases to Be Argued

People v. Wooten, E040555: The defendant was convicted of attempted murder by shooting the victim from a car with a shotgun. On appeal, the defendant contends that the trial court abused its discretion and violated his constitutional rights by (1) refusing to allow to be played to the jury a recording of an officer's interview of the victim and (2) denying a new trial because of the prosecution's asserted failure to disclose material

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evidence.

People v. Mayns, E041860: The defendant was convicted of second degree murder. On appeal, the defendant contends that the trial court (1) should have dismissed the case because the prosecution did not file the charge until 15 years after the crime and (2) erred in admitting dental charts and other documentary evidence without sufficiently proving their relationship to the case.

About 'Outreach Plus'

The Court of Appeal launched Outreach Plus in January 2005. Classroom visits acquaint students with the appellate court system, encourage them to stay in school, and inspire them to consider a career in law. In the past, the Court of Appeal has held oral argument at high schools in Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. The court's outreach programs have reached more than 8,000 high school students since the programs began in 2002.

The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two (Riverside) hears appeals from the superior courts of Inyo, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties. For more information, call Paula Garcia, Assistant Clerk/Administrator, at 951-248-0200.

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